

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (cancelled)

2. (cancelled)

3. (original) A method for treatment of metabolic bone disease, comprising administering erythropoietin to a patient with metabolic bone disease.

4. (original) The method for treatment according to claim 3, comprising administering erythropoietin in a usual dose of 0.1 to 500  $\mu\text{g}$ , preferably 5 to 100  $\mu\text{g}$ , per adult.

5. (original) The method for treatment according to claim 3, wherein said patient with metabolic bone disease is a patient with renal failure-associated osteodystrophy, marble bone disease, diabetic nephropathy, or osteoporosis.

6. (cancelled)

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7. (cancelled)